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The City of Newburgh Launches Outreach Campaign for CDBG Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

The City of Newburgh Department of Planning and Development is currently launching an outreach campaign to update its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI), which is a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan. The goal of the AI is to provide the City and other community development grantees, housing developers, and non-profits with information and tools to affirmatively further fair housing.

Fair housing refers to housing options that are available without discrimination regarding race/color, national origin, disability, religious beliefs, familial status/children, etc. The City of Newburgh is committed to eliminating all discriminatory practices in housing.

There are four ways to participate in the outreach campaign:

· *Focus group meetings:* Landlords and other housing providers are invited to participate in focus group meetings with the Department of Planning and Development in order to assess the City's strengths and weaknesses in housing provision.

· *Complete fair housing survey at community events or in your neighborhood:* The City will also be conducting outreach at community events as well as canvassing more disadvantaged sections of the City in order to get input from residents.

· *Pick up a Survey:* Surveys are available at the Newburgh Free Library, 124 Grand Street, the City Activity Center, 401 Washington Street, and the City Clerk's office, 83 Broadway.

· *Complete fair housing survey online:* Starting Aug. 15, 2011, the survey will be available electronically on the Planning and Development webpage: <http://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/devel/comdev.htm>

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